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Extend Reward Offer in Murder of Iyshun Dionte Tornero Bennett

On Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 23-year old Iyshun Dionte Tornero Bennett was with friends and family attending a birthday barbecue party. At approximately 11:52 p.m., an unknown assailant (or assailants) began shooting at partygoers. Iyshun, along with a 15-year old male and 39-year old male, were struck by gunfire while standing in the front yard of the residence located in the 1700 block of West 151st Street in Compton. Witnesses at the party observed that the gun shots emanated from an area located west of the residence. Iyshun was transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries during surgery. The two remaining victims suffered non-life threatening injuries. However, the 39-year old male victim sustained significant injuries to his intestines and faces a prolonged recovery period.

Iyshun Bennett was a former star football player at Compton High School who was preparing to pursue a career as an x-ray technician. The shock and senselessness of this tragedy has left Iyshun's family devastated.

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As the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) detectives were confident that there were witnesses in the neighborhood that may have seen the suspect(s) leave the area, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors initially approved a reward offer in October 15, 2013. The reward offer was most recently reestablished on April 28, 2015, and this reward offer will expire on July 26, 2015 unless it is extended.

Any individuals with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact LASD's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers. Detectives believe that the reward offer would be helpful in solving this crime, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to Lyshun Bennett's family and friends.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Extend the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of 23-year old Lyshun Bennett and the injuries sustained by a 15-year old male and 39-year old male, who were struck by gunfire on April 16, 2013, in Compton, California.

Contact: Detective Ralph Hernandez
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Homicide Bureau
(323) 890-5500

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477